

Bharia language

Bharia is an unclassified Dravidian language spoken in the remote Pataalkot Valley of Madhya Pradesh in central India.

It is not clear if the Bharia people of the 1981 census figure, who were spread out over several states outside the Pataalkot Valley, all speak the Dravidian Bharia language, or a form of Hindi.

Bharia is not well-enough known to be classified within Dravidian. There are several Gondi languages spoken in the area, but the Bharia language is said to "differ totally" from Gondi.^[3]

The language is critically endangered.^[4]

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Bharia	
Native to	India
Region	Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal
Ethnicity	Bharia
Native speakers	(197,000 cited 1981 census) ^[1]
Language family	Dravidian (unclassified) Bharia
Writing system	Devanagari
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bha
Glottolog	bhar1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/anguoid/id/bhar1241) ^[2]

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